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Serial No. 10/049,356 : ALUMINUM NITRIDE SINTERED BODY
IN WHICH VIA HOLE IS MADE
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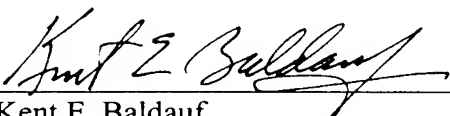
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